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ABSTRACT

This book examines the legal issues and problems surrounding the administration of higher education in Nigeria. It focuses on the need for each university to have a legal unit to handle the legal problems of staff, students, and those in the neighboring community. Further, it addresses the problems currently found within the academic community involving politicking for promotion (non-merit promotion), the problems associated with reliance on the government for about 95 percent of higher education's financial needs, and the powers and functions of the principal officers within the university administration. Also provided is a brief discussion of the legal rights of students within the university system. Chapters examine: (1) the Vice-Chancellor's position within the Nigerian university system, its function and role both administratively and legislatively and its difficulties; (2) the position of the university administrator, especially the Registrar, and the administrator as the university's record keeper; (3) academic freedom in Nigeria; (4) the autonomy of the university within Nigeria; (5) students and the law within the university system; (6) the Legal Unit, i.e., the university Counsel's office; and (7) personnel issues in the university administration. Contains a 57-item bibliography, including a list of 104 court cases, and an index. (GLR)

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